

**United States Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management**

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**Decision Record  
Categorical Exclusion Not Established By Statute  
DOI-BLM-UT-G020-2016-0007-CX**

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**October 2015**

**GOBLIN VALLEY ULTRA MARATHON, LLC**

**Location:** Existing BLM Designated Roads/Routes:  
(Emery County, County Road 1013)

**Applicant/Address:** 2715 Dimond DR, West Jordan Utah 84084  
Ian Dorovatz 801-289-6874, Andrea Crookston 801-662-8923

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## **DECISION RECORD**

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It is my decision to authorize Goblin Valley Ultra Marathon, LLC a commercial Special Recreation Permit (SRP) that will allow them to offer a competitive running race using designated county road #1013 for one day on Saturday, October 24, 2015. No extraordinary circumstances exist with this action.

#### **TERMS/COMPLIANCE/MONITORING**

A professional archaeologist will be onsite at the ultra-marathon event monitoring the event to ensure project compliance.

#### **PLAN CONFORMANCE AND CONSISTENCY**

Land Use Plan Name: Price Field Office Resource Management Plan

Date Approved: October, 2008

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUP because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decision(s):

REC -72, "The BLM will issue SRP as a discretionary action subject to NEPA analysis (Appendix R-10). Additionally, Commercial SRPs will also be issued to provide a fair return for the commercial use of public lands.

REC -73, "SRPs will be issued to established evaluation factors described in Appendix R-10. The factors identified will primarily examine the sensitivity of the proposed site and the nature of the proposed use.

#### **RATIONALE FOR DECISION**

43 CFR Par 46.210 H is a BLM Categorical Exclusion that states, "Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights, that impacts no more than three staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan." The Goblin Valley Ultra Marathon, LLC proposal is acceptable under this categorical exclusion.

Furthermore, based on a review of this project and field office staff recommendations, I have determined that this SRP is in conformance with the Price Field Office Resource Management Plan and is categorically excluded from further environmental analysis. Therefore, it is my decision to approve this SRP as proposed.

#### **PROTEST/APPEAL LANGUAGE**

This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR, Part 4 and the enclosed Form 1842-001. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in the office of the Authorized Officer at

125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition (request) pursuant to regulation 43 CFR 2801.10 or 2881.10 for a stay (suspension) of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the Board, the petition for a stay must accompany your notice of appeal. A petition for a stay is required to show sufficient justification based on the standards listed below. Copies of the notice of appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in this decision and to the Interior Board of Land Appeals and to the appropriate Office of the Solicitor (see 43 CFR 4.413) at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted.

#### Standards for Obtaining a Stay

Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulations, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

- (1) The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,
- (2) The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
- (3) The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
- (4) Whether the public interest favors granting a stay.

Amanda Harrington  
Authorized Officer

10-22-15  
Date

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## A. Background

**BLM Office:** Price Field Office (PFO)      **Lease/Serial/Case File No:**

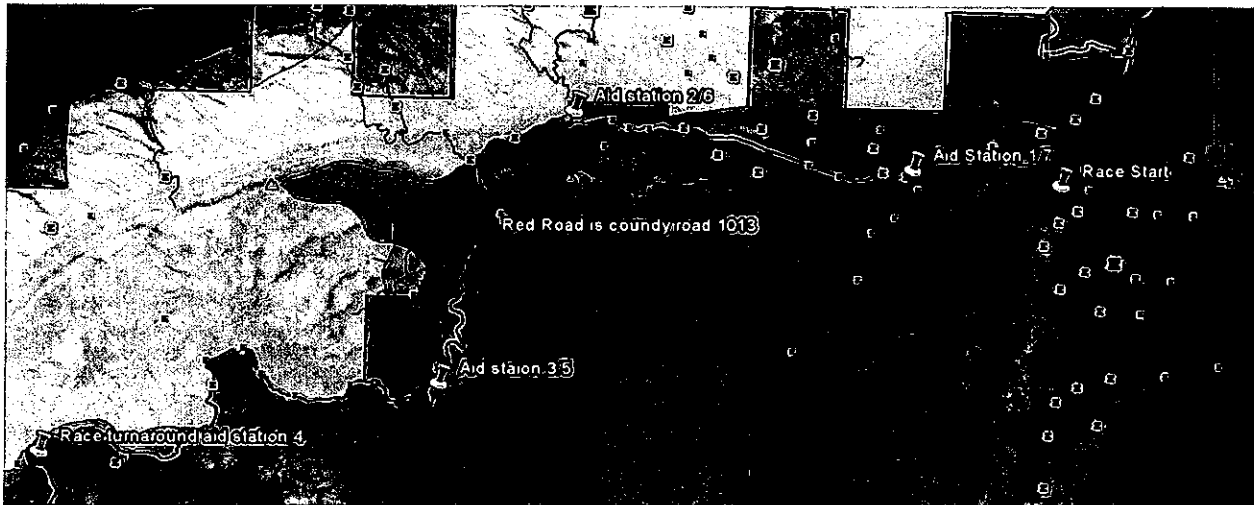
**Proposed Action Title/Type:** Ultra Marathon, Marathon, Half Marathon, and 1K kids fun run.

**Location of Proposed Action:** Goblin Valley State Park to the Muddy River along the Wild Horse Road or Emery County Road #1013.

Proposed aid stations are located in Wild Horse Wash, Wild Horse Canyon parking area, Little Wild Horse Wash, and the Muddy Creek Turnaround.

**Description of Proposed Action:** On August 03, 2015 the BLM (Price Field Office) received an application for a commercial Special Recreation Permit (SRP) from Goblin Valley Ultra Marathon, LLC. The proposed activity is to offer a competitive running race using the designated county road #1013 on Saturday, October 24, 2015. There will be an ultra-marathon, a marathon, a half marathon, a 1K kids fun run. The proposed routes and areas for aid stations are located on or adjacent to designated routes in the PFO Resource Management Plan (RMP) and will disturb less than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre. The second and third aid stations are located on State lands. The other two aid stations are located on BLM administered lands.

Goblin Valley Ultra Marathon, LLC has proposed a controlled start for their participants to minimize impacts on resources. They propose to offer this race sometime in September or the beginning of October based on their race schedule. All garbage and human waste would be packed out. No vehicle travel would occur off of designated routes.



## **B. Land Use Plan Conformance**

**Land Use Plan Name:** Price Field Office Resource Management Plan

**Date Approved/Amended:** October 2008

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## **C. Compliance with NEPA**

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 43 CFR Part 46.210 I

43 CFR Par 46.210 H, RMP's Recreation Management. "Issuance of Special Recreation Permits for day use or overnight use up to 14 consecutive nights, that impacts no more than three staging area acres; and/or for recreational travel along roads, trails, or in areas authorized in a land use plan"

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR Part 46.215 apply.

## **D: Signature**

Authorizing Official:

*Jmanda Harrington*  
acting for (Ahmed Mohsen)  
(Field Manager)

Date: *10-22-15*

## **Contact Person**

For additional information concerning this CX review, contact

Josh Winkler, Outdoor Recreation Planner  
435-636-3659

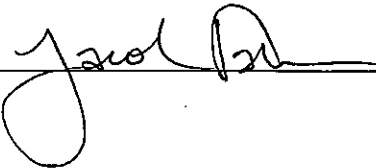
Or

Amy Adams Recreation Assistant  
435-636-3622

### Categorical Exclusion Review Record

Resource	Yes/No*	Assigned Specialist Signature	Date
Air Quality	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Areas of Critical Environmental Concern	No	Josh Winkler	10/06/15
Cultural Resources	No	Amber Koski	10/16/2015
Environmental Justice	No	Jacob Palma	10/14/15
Farm Lands (prime or unique)	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Floodplains	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Invasive Species/Noxious Weeds	No	Stephanie Bauer	10/13/15
Migratory Birds	No	Jared Reese	10/14/15
Native American Religious Concerns	No	Amber Koski	10/22/15
Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate Species	No No (animals)	Karl Ivory Jared Reese	10/14/15 10/22/15
Wastes (hazardous or solid)	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Water Quality (drinking or ground)	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Wetlands / Riparian Zones	No	Jeff Brower	10/19/15
Wild and Scenic Rivers	No	Matt Blocker	10/19/15
Wilderness	No	Matt Blocker	10/19/15
Other:			

\*Extraordinary Circumstances apply.

Environmental Coordinator 

Date: 10/22/15

### Exceptions to Categorical Exclusion Documentation

The action has been reviewed to determine if any of the extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) apply. The project would:

<b>Extraordinary Circumstances</b>		
1. Have significant impacts on public health or safety.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>Resource specialists did not identify any significant impacts to public health or safety.</i>
2. Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order 11990); floodplains (Executive Order 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>Impacts to natural resources and unique geographic characteristics are not anticipated as a result of this project. The ID Team did not identify any impacts to these resources.</i>
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources [NEPA section 102 (2) (E)].		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>Resource specialists did not identify any highly controversial environmental effects or unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.</i>
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>Due to the minimally impacting nature of this action, the results of the action are predictable and do not have the potential for substantial environmental effects.</i>
5. Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principal about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>The proposed action does not set a precedent for future actions. Future proposals would be subject to NEPA and would be analyzed prior to authorization.</i>
6. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> <div style="text-align: center;">X</div>	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>Because the event is taking place on an existing county road, it would not have an additive impact to resources.</i>

### Extraordinary Circumstances

7. Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by the bureau.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>The Area of Potential Effect for the undertaking includes the proposed race corridor and associated aid stations. The proposed activity will be limited to designated routes and areas of previous ground disturbance. To mitigate potential impacts to cultural resources eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, a professional archaeologist will be required to monitor the event to ensure project compliance. Pursuant to 36CFR800 a determination of "no historic properties adversely affected" is made.</i>
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8. Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated Critical Habitat for these species.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>After GIS review, there are no known occurrences of federally listed or candidate species in the project area.</i>
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9. Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>The proposed action would not violate any Federal, State, local or tribal laws.</i>
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10. Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (Executive Order 12898).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>There are no minority or low income populations that would be adversely effected by implementation of Proposed Action.</i>
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11. Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (Executive Order 13007).

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b> X	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>The action would not limit access to and ceremonial use of sacred sites by Native American religious and traditional practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sites.</i>
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Extraordinary Circumstances		
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12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act and Executive Order 13112).		
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Yes	No	<b>Rationale:</b> <i>All equipment used during the authorized action will be power washed at a commercial facility to be free of mud and debris before and after use to prevent the introduction or spread of noxious weeds or invasive species.</i>
	X	